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Chapters in this collection explore the development of U.S. colleges. The contributors consider these institutions in the contexts of the transformation in the experience of college students, regional variations in college development, the revolution in the purposes of U.S. institutions of higher education, and the increasing dominance of universities. The chapters are: (1) New Themes in the History of Nineteenth-Century Colleges (Roger L. Geiger); (2) Curriculum and Enrollment: Assessing the Popularity of the Antebellum Colleges (David B. Potts); (3) The Rights of Man and the Rites of Youth: Fraternity and Riot at Eighteenth-Century Harvard (Leon Jackson); (4) College as It Was in the Mid-Nineteenth Century (Roger L. Geiger with Julie Ann Bubolz); (5) "We Desired Our Future Rulers To Be Educated Men": South Carolina College, the Defense of Slavery, and the Development of Secessionist Politics (Michael Sugrue); (6) Agency, Denominations, and the Western Colleges, 1830-1860: Some Connections between Evangelicalism and American Higher Education (James Findlay); (7) The Era of Multipurpose Colleges in American Higher Education, 1850-1890 (Roger L. Geiger); (8) The Rise and Fall of Useful Knowledge: Higher Education for Science, Agriculture, and the Mechanic Arts, 1850-1875 (Roger L. Geiger); (9) "A Salutary Rivalry": The Growth of Higher Education for Women in Oxford, Ohio, 1855-1867 (Margaret A. Nash); (10) The "Superior Instruction of Women," 1836-1890 (Roger L. Geiger); (11) Noah Porter Writ Large? Reflections on the Modernization of American Higher Education and Its Critics, 1866-1916 (Peter Dobkin Hall); (12) The German Model and the Graduate School: The University of Michigan and the Origin Myth of the American University (James Turner and Paul Bernard); (13) A "Curious Working of Cross Purposes" in the Founding of the University of Chicago (Willard J. Pugh); and (14) The Crisis of the Old Order: The Colleges in the 1890s (Roger L. Geiger). (Contains 14 tables, 1 figure, 958 endnotes, and a 101-item bibliography.) (SLD)

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